

COMMON COUNCIL
CAL BRAND MEETING ROOM
CITY HALL
NOVEMBER 10, 2015

President Pro Tem Tim Shuffett called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.

I. Meeting Called to Order

- A. Opening Prayer was given by George Denholm with St. Peter's Lutheran Church.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilor Shuffett.
- C. Roll Call was taken. Dascal Bunch, Ryan Brand, Frank Jerome, Frank Miller, Tim Shuffett, Kenneth Whipker and James Lienhoop were present.

Absent: Mayor Brown

- D. Councilor Brand made a motion to approve the minutes from the Common Council meeting on October 20, 2015 as presented. Councilor Bunch seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Councilor Lienhoop made a motion to suspend the rules of order to hear item B under New Business prior to Unfinished Business. Councilor Jerome seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

III. New Business Requiring Council Action

- B. Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO. 30, 2015 A RESOLUTION DECLARING A CERTAIN AREA WITHIN THE CITY OF COLUMBUS AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA AND QUALIFYING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS FOR PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT, AND SETTING THE TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON (DAIEI, INC.)." Jeff Logston, City Attorney and Executive Director of Administration, presented this ordinance. He explained this is the first step in the tax abatement process which is to declare the area an Economic Revitalization Area (ERA). Jeff stated the next step would be a confirmatory resolution and then the abatement itself. James Anderson Kaparakis, Production Department Director with Daiei, Inc., stated they are a subsidiary of Daiei Giken Kogyo Co., Ltd., which is an industrial machinery parts manufacturer in Japan. Daiei, Inc. plans to invest \$3,000,000 in new manufacturing equipment. The company will establish its U.S. headquarters at 3620 Commerce Drive. They plan to hire five (5) new employees and up to five (5) more by the end of 2017. Councilor Lienhoop stated the Incentive Review Committee met prior to the meeting and found the application to be in substantial compliance. Brief discussion followed. There were no comments from the public. Councilor Lienhoop made a motion to pass the resolution. Councilor Whipker seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action

- A. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. 23, 2015 AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, TO AMEND CHAPTER 2.94 OF THE COLUMBUS CITY CODE, CITY GARAGE DEPARTMENT." Jeff Logston presented this ordinance. He explained the ordinance changes the title of what is currently the City Garage Department into the Department of Public Works. Jeff stated the name change is more in line with the duties of the department. There were no comments from the public. Councilor Jerome made a motion to pass the second reading and adopt the ordinance. Councilor Bunch seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

III. New Business Requiring Council Action

- A. First Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. ___, 2015 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, REZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM I-2 (INDUSTRIAL: GENERAL) AND CC (COMMERCIAL: COMMUNITY CENTER) TO RMc (RESIDENTIAL: MULTI-FAMILY WITH COMMITMENTS)." (KELLER DEVELOPMENT REZONING) Jeff Bergman, Planning Director, presented this ordinance by explaining the request is to rezone two (2) pieces of property from I-2 (Industrial: General) and CC (Commercial: Community Center) changing both areas to RM (Residential: Multi-family). The property is located at the northwest corner of 22nd Street and Central Avenue. Jeff displayed maps and photographs of the area. He stated the Columbus Plan Commission forwarded this with a favorable recommendation and included five (5) commitments related to the compatibility of multi-family residential zoning with the existing infrastructure in the area and the design recommendations of the Comprehensive Plan's Central Avenue Corridor Plan Element. Councilor Lienhoop questioned why an additional parcel of land zoned as I-2 was not in the rezoning request. Jeff explained the developer envisions that I-2 piece of property as a parking lot. A member of the development team stated they plan to use that area as a parking lot and, if the tax credits are received, the property would need to be intact for 30 years to be in compliance. Councilor Lienhoop suggested that if the tax credits are approved and the project moves forward then it might be good to revisit the zoning for this piece of property. Discussion followed. There were no comments from the public. Councilor Bunch made a motion to pass the first reading and place in proper channels. Councilor Jerome seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Other Business

- A. Discussion: Animal Care and Control Ordinance – classification of chickens. Jeff Logston explained the Board of Zoning Appeals made a decision to allow chickens to be classified as pets; therefore, not in violation of the city's zoning ordinance. The Board of Zoning Appeals asked City Council to discuss verification or possible modifications to the city's municipal code. Jeff suggested the Council address the issue of all farm animals within the city limits, not just chickens. Much discussion followed. Several members of the public spoke. Council suggested modifying chapter 6.04 of municipal code for further discussion at the Council meeting on November 17, 2015.

- B. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports – None

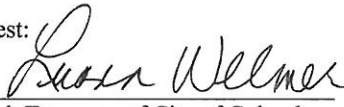
Carl Malysz read a letter of resignation addressed to Mayor Brown during the meeting.

C. The next regular meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 17, 2015, 6:00 p.m. in City Hall.**

D. Councilor Jerome made a motion for adjournment. Councilor Brand seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:12 P.M



Presiding Officer

Attest: 

Clerk Treasurer of City of Columbus